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### **Browning to Serve as President of National Association**

**Baton Rouge, LA** – State Fire Marshal H. “Butch” Browning has been elected to serve a two-year term as President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM). On July 29<sup>th</sup> at its annual membership meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida the principal membership of NASFM elected Browning, by unanimous acclamation, as its new association President. Browning previously served as the organization’s Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer and has served on the Board of Directors since 2010.

The principal membership of NASFM comprises of senior fire officials in the United States and their top deputies. The primary mission of NASFM, established in 1989, is to protect human life, property and the environment from fire and related hazards. A secondary mission of NASFM is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State Fire Marshals’ operations. In addition to its principal membership, NASFM has several categories of membership to allow companies, associations, academic and research institutions, and individuals who support NASFM’s mission to contribute in meaningful ways.

“I am honored and humbled to serve alongside my fellow fire officials working to enhance public safety across this Nation. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as President and I look forward to working with my colleagues as we identify and address issues impacting public safety,” said Browning.

“Chief Browning has been a dedicated advocate for public safety issues here in Louisiana for more than 25 years. Being elected as President of this prestigious association affords a national platform for which to advocate safety,” said Colonel Mike Edmonson, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Public Safety.

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